

**CHAPTER NO. 363**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 545**

**By Representatives Pruitt, Hargett, Langster, Chumney**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 804**

**By Senator Harper**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-106, relative to requirements for issuing a certificate of need to a nonresidential methadone treatment facility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-106(d)(3), is amended by inserting the language “, the member of the house of representatives and the senator of the general assembly representing the district in which the facility is proposed to be located,” between the words “proposed to be located” and the words “and to the mayor” in the second sentence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-106, is amended by adding the following as new subsection at the end of the section:

(p) The commissioner of health is directed to study issues relating to the need for and location of non-residential methadone treatment facilities in the certificate of need process. In consultation with the health facilities commission and the board for licensing health care facilities, the commissioner shall design precise guidelines concerning the location of new non-residential methadone treatment facilities and the need for any additional regulation of non-residential methadone treatment facilities. The commissioner shall report recommendations to the house health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee on or before January 1, 2002. Such recommendations shall include both proposed rules and proposed legislation to address such issues.

SECTION 3. No provision of this act shall affect any teaching or research hospital in activities relating to non-residential methadone treatment programs.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 29, 2001

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR